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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In the United States, rare diseases affect nearly  
30 million Americans; more than half of the population affected  
by rare diseases are children; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly recognizes the  
hardship Illinois families endure when their children are  
diagnosed with a rare disease or disorder; and

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WHEREAS, Bilateral Perisylvian Polymicrogyria is a rare  
neurological disorder that affects the cerebral cortex, the  
outer surface of the brain, early in children's lives; and

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WHEREAS, Symptoms of Bilateral Perisylvian Polymicrogyria  
include partial paralysis of muscles on both sides of the face,  
tongue, jaws, and throat; and

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WHEREAS, Those who suffer from Bilateral Perisylvian  
Polymicrogyria have difficulties in speaking, chewing, and  
swallowing; in some cases, seizures are experienced and, in  
most cases, mild to severe intellectual disability is present;  
and

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WHEREAS, The exact cause of Bilateral Perisylvian  
Polymicrogyria is not fully understood; it is thought to be due

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1 to improper brain development during embryonic growth; and

2 WHEREAS, Dorothy Teresea-Marie "Tess" Drainer is a vibrant  
3 and sweet young Illinois resident who has been diagnosed with  
4 Bilateral Perisylvian Polymicrogyria; and

5 WHEREAS, Tess Drainer suffers from seizures, cerebral  
6 palsy, scoliosis, and chronic heart and lung disease as a  
7 result of the rare disorder; and

8 WHEREAS, Tess Drainer enjoys painting, riding her pony, and  
9 watching the movie "Disney Descendants"; above all else, she  
10 greatly enjoys spending time with her family; and

11 WHEREAS, Tess Drainer is an inspiration to all who meet  
12 her; as Tess battles her rare disease at a young age, she  
13 continuously serves as an example of a courageous and  
14 headstrong Illinois citizen; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 honor and recognize Dorothy Teresea-Marie "Tess" Drainer by  
18 spreading awareness of Bilateral Perisylvian Polymicrogyria  
19 across the State of Illinois and give our encouragement to all  
20 those battling rare diseases; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Tess Drainer as an expression of our deepest  
3 admiration.